(c) whether Government have a proposal to expand T.V. and AIR network in the State by upgrading the existing AIR and Doordarshan Centres and opening new Centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) At present, 16 Radio Stations located at Jaipur, Ajmer, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Suratgarh, Kota, Alwar, Nagaur, Banswara, Chittorgarh, Barmer, Sawai-madhopur, Churu, Jhalawar and Jaisalmer are functioning in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) Approx. 98.5% of population in the State of Rajasthan is covered by radio signals.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Given in the statement attached,

Statement

Doordarshan		All India Radio
1	2	3
PPC	Udaipur	Mount Abu
HPT	Barmer (Pmt.)	Jodhpur
	Jodhpur	
LPT	Hindaun	Jaipur
	Makrana	
	Tibi	
VLPT	Lalsot	
	Laxmangarh	

Legend : PPC—Programme Production Centre.
HPT—High Power Transmitter.
LPT—Low Power Transmitter.
VLPT—Very Low Power Transmitter.

Establishment of Steel Projects

5362. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether 8 new steel projects in the country are likely to go into production during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to establish more number of steel projects in different parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) According to information available from the All India Financial Institution, following steel plants are likely to be commissioned during the current financial year :—

	Name of the Unit & Location	Capacity (Lakh tpa)	Likely date of Commissioning	Remarks
1.	Rajendra Steel Ltd. Raipur, M.P.	3.0	July, 1997	Part capacity commissioned.
2.	Nova Steel (I) LTD. Bilaspur, M.P.	2.0	Mid 1997	—
3.	Malvika Steel Ltd. Jagdispur, U.P.	6.0	Dec., 1997	Part capacity commissioned.
4.	Jindal Vijayanagar Steel Limited, Bellary, Karnataka	15.70	June, 1997 Dec., 1997 May, 1998 Sep., 1998	Plant being set up in phases/stages.
5.	Southern Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. Salem, Tamil Nadu	2.20	March, 1998	Part capacity commissioned.
6.	Ispat Industries Ltd. Raigad, Maharashtra	30.0	July, 1997 July, 1998	Plant being set up in phases/stages.

(c) and (d) According to the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991 iron and steel industry has been removed from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted from the purview of compulsory licencing, except for certain locational restrictions. A new steel plant under the name and style of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited is being set up by MMTC Ltd., a Central PSU, jointly with IPICOL, a Government of Orissa Undertaking and MECON, a Central PSU, which is likely to be commissioned in October, 1999. The Union Government at present have no other proposal for establishment of new/green-field steel plants in the country.

Introduction of Summer Special Train

5363. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any summer special trains to Kerala from different directions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) A daily special between Chennai and Quilon and a biweekly special between Hyderabad and Cochin are running during this summer.

New Post Offices in Maharashtra

5364. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of proposals/recommendations received from Maharashtra to open post offices/Branch post offices; and

(b) the names of the places in Maharashtra where the Government propose to open new post offices/Branch post offices during the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of proposals/recommendations received from Maharashtra to open Departmental Sub Post Offices and Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices is 18.

(b) It is proposed to open 3 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 35 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Maharashtra during the Annual Plan, 1997-98 subject to norm based justification and availability of resources.

Reduction of Quota in A.P. Express

5365. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the reservation quota for 3 Tier for Nagpur in Andhra Pradesh Express has been reduced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-consider its decision to restore the Nagpur Quota in A.P. Express; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Due to provision of Secunderabad Terminal at Nagpur Reservation Office, the resevation quota available at Nagpur station in all classes by 2723 Andhra Pradesh Express has been merged with general quota available at Secunderabad PRS in order to give direct access to Nagpur Reservation Office with all the quotas on first-come-first-served basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Regional Language Films

5366. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any norms for telecasting Regional Language films on Doordarshan National Network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of award winning films telecast during each of the last five years; and

(d) the details of Assamese films telecast on DD network during the above period and the number of films pending clearance by DD and since when these are pending?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The eligibility criteria for telecast of Regional language films on the national network of Doordarshan is given in statement-I. The films are telecast alphabetically, language-wise by rotation. Preference is given to films which have won awards more recently.

(c) The details are given in statement-II.

(d) During the last five years, Doordarshan have telecast 20 Assamese feature films over national network and their year-wise details are given in statement-II.

At present three proposals of Assamese features films are pending with Doordarshan, and these films have tentatively been scheduled for telecast on 18/5/97, 27/7/97 and 5/10/97 respectively. All these proposals were received in Doordarshan in the year 1996.

Statement-I

Features films which fulfil any of the following criteria or have won any of the following national/state awards, as the case may be, only are considered for telecast on the national netowrk of Doordarshan;

(i) National award for the Best or second Best